

1971 Sectional Meet...

Lytle Leads Ross Runners To District

MANSFIELD — Fremont Ross' Rob Lytle provided the major upset in the Class AAA sectional track meet at Mansfield Malabar High School Saturday.

Lytle, who is only a sophomore, sprinted past the rest of the field to win the 100-yard dash and qualify for this Saturday's district competition at Bowling Green State University.

Lytle will be joined in the district fold by Earl Smith (880), the mile relay team, Tom Liggins and Chuck Miller (shot put) and Tom Nighswander (discus).

"Lytle was the big surprise," Ross head coach Ron Brant said. "We figured most of the other kids could place in the top three and get a trip to the district."

"Thursday we changed Lytle's starting blocks — I think it made a big difference. He really exploded out of there at the start. He told us the new way the blocks were set also felt good to him."

Miller provided a mild surprise for the Little Giant coaching staff. He placed third with a 48-3 distance.

"We knew he was capable of qualifying," Brant said. "But his distances haven't been very good this season. Last year he threw over 50 feet in one meet. This was his best distance this spring. Chuck seems to be coming around. We hope his improvement continues."

Smith, who was a state qualifier last spring, finished first in his specialty. He ran a 1:59.0, six-tenths of a second faster than Findlay's Dennis Barnes, who placed second.

"Earl looked real good," Brant said. "He was smooth and relaxed. He told us later that he felt good after the race."

Nighswander finished behind Sandusky's long-throwing duo of Mark Deming and Bob Rodgers in the discus. Deming hurled the platter 176-5½. Rodgers checked in with a toss of 166 and Nighswander's best was 163-11, two inches better than his previous school record.

The mile relay quartet of Bill Burkett, Tom Pitts, Claude Price and Smith finished in second place, three-tenths of a second behind Sandusky.

"We were behind by about six yards at the last exchange," Brant said. "Smith made up five of those yards but the fellow from Sandusky just had too big a lead for Earl to make up in that distance."

The Ross-Sandusky duel in the mile relay was the third such matchup between the two Buckeye Conference foes in 11 days. Sandusky won the first and third matches and Ross took the second.

"That means it should be our turn to win next week," Brant said hopefully.

A victory will be almost a must for all of the Little Giants, who have qualified for district. Only the top two finishers qualify for the state competition at Ohio Stadium the following weekend (May 21-22).

"At the district level the difference between the good and very good competitors becomes evident," Brant said. "We will have to give our best performances of the season to get to Columbus."

The Ross 880-yard relay team and Claude Price, who runs the 440, barely missed a district ticket. The top three finishers in each event earned the trip to Bowling Green.

The 880 foursome finished fourth, five-tenths of a second behind Lima Shawnee. Ross had a 1:33.5. Sandusky turned in a 1:30.2 to win the event.

"We loaded up a little bit by inserting Lytle and Burkett into the lineup," Brant said. "We were in the slow heat because our best previous time this season wasn't good enough to get us in the fast heat. We won the heat but the time still wasn't good enough to place in the top three."

"I think if we were in the faster heat we might have placed in the top three. The fellows would have been pushed harder."

Price also finished fourth. He had a 51.2 clocking compared to a 50.9 for Mansfield Malabar's Tom Baker, who finished third.

"Price was out in the seventh lane," Brant said, "but that really can't be used as an excuse because Port Clinton's Alex Tucker won the race and he was in the eighth lane."

Tucker was timed in 50.0.

Other Ross place winners were Mike Tooman and Miller. Tooman took a fifth in the pole vault and Miller was fifth in the discus.

In the team race, Ross finished a distant second behind Sandusky. The Blue Streaks, who amassed an amazing 122 points, had eight first places. Ross finished with 62.

"We weren't even thinking about the team race but it sure was nice to finish second," Brant said. "I told the kids our main ambition in the sectional was to place in the top three in each event. We weren't thinking much about the team standings because there wasn't anything at stake for the second or third place teams. We knew Sandusky would win the meet. They have too much strength for a meet of this nature."

Mansfield Senior (41), Findlay (39) and Lima Senior (31) completed the top five. A total of 17 schools participated.

Sandusky had three field event victories. Bob Crabb (pole vault) and Velma Evans (long jump) joined Deming in the winner's circle.

Crabb also won the 180-yard low hurdles. Osmond Pearson won the mile run and Bob Fair took the two mile to add to the Blue Streaks' victory total.

Track Summaries

AAA

At Mansfield Malabar Top Three To District

Field Events

POLE VAULT—1. Bob Crabb, Sandusky, 14-0; 2. Sam Webber, Galion, 13-0; 3. Chris Jackson, Marion Harding, 13-0; 4. Richard Allen, Mansfield Senior, 12-6; 5. Mike Tooman, Fremont Ross, 12-6; 6. Greg Young, Tiffin Columbian.

SHOT PUT—1. Tom Liggins, Fremont Ross, 52-6½; 2. Stan Johnson, Sandusky, 48-7; 3. Chuck Miller, Fremont Ross, 48-3; 4. Terry Hammon, Shelby, 47-11; 5. Mark Hamilton, Mansfield Malabar, 46-11; 6. Rick Vogelsang, Lima Shawnee.

DISCUS—1. Mark Deming, Sandusky, 176-5½; 2. Bob Rogers, Sandusky, 166-0; 3. Tom Nighswander, Fremont Ross, 163-11; 4. Scott Nobil, Tiffin Columbian, 147-9½; 5. Chuck Miller, Fremont Ross, 143-3; 6. Stan Cook, Findlay.

HIGH JUMP—1. Paris Jones, Mansfield Malabar, 6-6½; 2. Renny Tyson, Lima Senior, 6-2; 3. Tom Geren, Wapakoneta Senior, 6-2; 4. Terone Butler, Mansfield Senior, and Scott May, Sandusky, 6-0; 6. John Jacobs and Dave Bruns, Lima Shawnee.

LONG JUMP—1. Velma Evans, Sandusky, 21-5½; 2. Scott May, Sandusky, 21-5½; 3. John Johnson, Marion Harding, 21-2½; 4. Al Tucker, Port Clinton, 20-5½; 5. Gerald Fields, Lima Senior, 20-0; 6. Dan Toth, Lima Shawnee.

Track Events

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES—1. Greg Norton, Lima Senior, 14-7; 2. Kay Schall, Findlay, 14-8; 3. Joe Quatman, Lima Shawnee, 14-8; 4. Jim Fantozz, Sandusky, 14-9; 5. Terry Kozme, Ashland, 15-1; 6. Dave Thompson, Tiffin Columbian.

100-YARD DASH—1. Rob Lytle, Fremont Ross, 10-0; 2. Willie Jordan, Sandusky, 10-1; 3. Ralph Rawls, Mansfield Senior, 10-1; 4. Terry Gooding, Lima Senior, 10-1; 5. Alvin Mayfield, Sandusky, 10-2; 6. Rufus Reid, Mansfield Senior.

MILE RUN—1. Osmond Pearson, Sandusky, 4:29.4; 2. Ed Wagner, Ashland, 4:30; 3. Dennis Barnes, Findlay, 4:30.8; 4. Jeff Hochstettler, Findlay, 4:31.4; 5. Rod Martin, Tiffin Columbian, 4:31.7.

880-YARD RELAY—1. Sandusky (Al Mayfield, Willie Jordan, Tony Harris and Bob Crabb), 1:30.2; 2. Findlay, 1:33.4; 3. Lima Shawnee, 1:33.5; 4. Fremont Ross, 1:33.5; 5. Bellevue, 1:34.1; 6. Marion Harding.

440-YARD DASH—1. Al Tucker, Port Clinton, 50.0; 2. Ray Webb, Mansfield Senior, 50.8; 3. Tom Baker, Mansfield Malabar, 50.9; 4. Claude Price, Fremont Ross, 51.2; 5. Lou Hart, Mansfield Madison, 51.3; 6. Yohannes Chonde, Galion, 51.4.

180-YARD LOW HURDLES—1. Bob Crabb, Sandusky, 20.5; 2. Joe Quatman, Lima Shawnee, 20.6; 3. Greg Norton, Lima Senior, 20.7; 4. Don Brown, Shelby, 20.8; 5. Kay Schall, Findlay, 20.9; 6. Dave Thompson, Tiffin Columbian.

880-YARD RUN—1. Earl Smith, Fremont Ross, 1:59; 2. Dennis Barnes, Findlay, 1:59.6; Jerry Kieft, Ashland, 2:00.1; 4. Tim Dickerson, Marion Harding, 2:00.3; 5. Frank Cook, Sandusky, 2:00.4; 6. John Henderson, Lima Senior.

220-YARD DASH—1. Ralph Rawls, Mansfield Senior, 22.8; 2. Ray Webb, Mansfield Senior, 23.0; 3. Mike Linder, Bellevue, 23.1; 4. Randy Cochran, Marion Harding, 23.4; 5. Steve Pille, Findlay, 23.5; 6. Lou Hart, Mansfield Madison.

TWO-MILE RUN—1. Bob Fair, Sandusky, 9:51.3; 2. Dave Jumper, Tiffin Columbian, 9:56.0; 3. Doug Nevius, Ashland, 9:58.9; 4. Jeff Harding, Galion, 10:00; 5. Kim Colby, Mansfield Malabar, 10:00.9; 6. Greg Parta, Lima Shawnee.

MILE RELAY—1. Sandusky (Tony Harris, Bob Jackson, Jessie Pearson and Leo Ferguson), 3:27.2; 2. Fremont Ross, 3:27.3; 3. Lima Shawnee, 3:28.2; 4. Port Clinton, 3:28.4; 5. Ashland, 3:30.0; 6. Galion, 3:30.5.

Team Scoring

Sandusky 122 Man. Malabar 20

Fremont Ross 62 Port Clinton 18

Man. Senior 41 Tiffin Columbian 17

Findlay 39 Galion 14

Lima Senior 31 Shelby 8

Lima Shawnee 29 Bellevue 8

Ashland 25 Wapakoneta 6

Marion Harding 21 Man. Madison 4

AA

At Bowling Green State University

Top Four Quality For District

Field Events

LONG JUMP—1. Brad Gerken, Napoleon, 20½; 2. Terry Hutcheson, Genoa, 19-9½; 3. Tim Harnad, Oak Harbor, 19-5½; 4. Tom Hubbard, Fairview, 19-3; 5. Robert Reyes, Paulding, Doug Klotz, Lakota.

SHOT PUT—1. Dale Limes, Otsego, 56-0; 2. Don Alshouse, Paulding, 54-7; 3. Gregg Harmon, Napoleon, 48-11; 4. Ron Miles, Paulding, 48-9; 5. Mark Herron, Napoleon, 6. Jim Deer, Lakota.

POLE VAULT—1. Larry Vocke, Napoleon, 12-0; 2. Paul Druckemiller, Oak Harbor, 11-8; 3. Russ Wumer, Otsego, 11-4; 4. Chuck Farr, Fairview, 11-0; 5. John Freeman, Napoleon, and Dave Clegg, Genoa, 10-6.

DISCUS—1. Jim Deer, Lakota, 16-0; 2. Mark Herron, Napoleon, 15-11; 3. Scott Thompson, Napoleon, 14-3; 4. Bruce Penn, Clyde, 14-5; 5. Don Alshouse, Paulding; 6. Dale Limes, Otsego, 13-10.

HIGH JUMP—1. Jan Leaders, Napoleon, 6-0; 2. Greg Williams, Napoleon, 5-10; 3. Dave Cote, Woodmore, 5-10; 4. Dennis Zunk, Oak Harbor, 5-8; 5. Terry Beebe, Clyde; 6. Charles Breir, Genoa.

Track Events

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES—1. Tony Fairley, Fostoria, 15.2; 2. Dave Cote, Woodmore, 15.3; 3. Gregg Williams, Napoleon, 15.5; 4. Paul Fabian, 15.8; 5. Jan Leaders, Napoleon; 6. John Marsh, Fostoria.

100-YARD DASH—1. Rich Hackenberg, Clyde, 10.4; 2. Bill Werner, Genoa, 10.6; 3. Tim Ealey, Napoleon, 10.7; 4. Terry Hutcheson, Genoa, 10.9; 5. Jeff Travis, Woodmore; 6. Tony Fairley, Fostoria.

880-YARD RELAY—1. Clyde (Terry Beebe, John Craig, Jim Schricker and Rich Hackenberg), 1:34.1; 2. Genoa, 1:34.6; 3. Napoleon, 1:35.0; 4. Woodmore, 1:35.1; 5. Fostoria, 6. Lakota.

ONE MILE RUN—1. Tony Hernandez, Woodmore, 4:34.9; 2. Tom Prigge, Napoleon, 4:46.0; 3. Wayne Fegley, Woodmore, 4:47.4; 4. Andy Palacious, Oak Harbor, 4:49.2; 5. Terry Walters, Napoleon; 6. Gary Michaels, Otsego.

440-YARD DASH—1. John Rosenbrock, Napoleon, 51.8; 2. Don Gonya, Lakota, 52.0; 3. Tom Berres, Otsego, 53.3; 4. Choya Hawn, Clyde, 54.0; 5. Bruce Taylor, Oak Harbor; 6. Rod Biggett, Oak Harbor.

180-YARD LOW HURDLES—1. Larry Haubert, Woodmore, 21.2; 2. Dave Cote, Woodmore, 21.3; 3. Brad Gerken, Napoleon, 21.9; 4. Tony Fairley, Fostoria, 22.0; 5. Dan Shultz, Lakota; 6. Gregg Williams, Napoleon.

880-YARD RUN—1. Tim Sampson, Woodmore, 2:04.5; 2. Dave Dauer, Otsego, 2:05; 3. Scott Gruber, Lakota, 2:05.5; 4. Jim Barnes, Clyde, 2:07.0; 5. Mike Alvarez, Eastwood; 6. Ron Gerdean, Napoleon.

220-YARD DASH—1. Rich Hackenberg, Clyde, 23.9; 2. Jeff Travis, Woodmore, 24.1; 3. Denny Graf, Otsego, 24.3; 4. Terry Hutcheson, Genoa, 24.6; 5. Dave Rickenberg, Napoleon; 6. Marv Bergman, Fairview.

TWO-MILE RUN—1. Rex Brockschmidt, Lakota, 9:42.8; 2. Rocky Moore, Clyde, 10:16.9; 3. Jeff Gabel, Lakota, 10:33.9; 4. Chuck Kirkbride, Eastwood, 10:35; 5. Derryll Rhoda, Napoleon; 6. Jan Opfer, Genoa.

MILE RELAY—1. Woodmore (Bill Tilden, Dan Druckemiller, Larry Haubert and Dave Cote), 3:31.5; 2. Lakota, 3:33.8; 3. Otsego, 3:37.4; Oak Harbor, 3:38.6; 5. Napoleon, 6. Clyde.

Team Scoring

Napoleon 115½ Oak Harbor 33

Woodmore 82 Fostoria 18

Lakota 53 Paulding 16

Clyde 53 Fairview 9

Otsego 44 Eastwood 6

Genoa 35 Gibsonburg 0